

will be exempt from the requirements of this part.

(d) Unless the Administrator by order determines that additional regulation is necessary to protect animal health or animal products, an individual or entity possessing, using, or transferring products that are, bear, or contain listed agents or toxins will be exempt from the requirements of this part if the products have been cleared, approved, licensed, or registered pursuant to:

(1) The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.*);

(2) Section 351 of Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262);

(3) The Virus-Serum-Toxin Act (21 U.S.C. 151-159); or

(4) The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 131 *et seq.*).

(e) An individual or entity possessing, using, or transferring experimental products that are, bear, or contain listed agents or toxins may be exempt from the requirements of this part if such product is being used in an investigation authorized by any Federal law and the Administrator determines that additional regulation under this part is not necessary to protect animal or plant health, and animal or plant products. An individual or entity possessing, using, or transferring such experimental products may apply for an exemption from the requirements of this part by submitting APHIS Form 2042 to APHIS.

(f) In addition to the exemptions provided in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section, the Administrator may grant a specific exemption upon a showing of good cause and upon his or her determination that such exemption is consistent with protecting animal health and animal products. An individual or entity that possesses, uses, or transfers agents or toxins may request in writing an exemption from the requirements of this part. If granted, such exemptions are valid for a maximum of 3 years; thereafter, an individual or entity must request a new exemption. If a request for exemption is denied, an individual or entity may request reconsideration in writing to the Administrator. The request for reconsideration must state all of the facts

and reasons upon which the individual or entity relies to show that the exemption was wrongfully denied. The Administrator will grant or deny the request for reconsideration as promptly as circumstances allow and will state, in writing, the reasons for the decision. If there is a conflict as to any material fact, the individual or entity may request a hearing to resolve the conflict.⁶

§ 121.6 Registration; who must register.

(a) Unless exempted under §§ 121.4 or 121.5, any individual or entity that possesses, uses, or transfers any agent or toxin listed in § 121.3 must register with APHIS or, for overlap agents or toxins, APHIS or CDC.

(b) Each entity must designate an individual to be its responsible official. The responsible official must have the authority and control to ensure compliance with the regulations. The responsible official must complete and sign the registration application package, and will be the individual contacted by APHIS or CDC if any questions arise concerning the application or subsequent compliance with the regulations in this part. As part of registration, the responsible official and the entity will be subject to a security risk assessment by the Attorney General. While most registrants are likely to be entities, in the event that an individual applies for and is granted a certificate of registration, APHIS will consider the individual to be the responsible official.

(c) An entity may designate one or more individuals to be an alternate responsible official, who may act for the responsible official when he/she is unavailable. These individuals must have the authority and control to ensure compliance with the regulations when acting as the responsible official. These individuals will also be subject to a security risk assessment by the Attorney General as part of registration.

⁶A request for exemption may be mailed to National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 40, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; or faxed to (301) 734-3652.